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1. HOLDRIDGE AND ANDERSON MET JUNE 13 WITH MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR HSIAO TEH TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS IN PREPARATION FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION (REFS A THROUGH D). HOLDRIDGE PASSED HSIAO COPIES OF A) REVISED U.S. DRAFT OF LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED; B) REVISED U.S. DRAFT OF PROTOCOL; AND C) TEXT OF FIRST PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED AFTER LETTERS EXCHANGED AND PROTOCOLS SIGNED. ARTICLE FIVE OF PROTOCOL WAS CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF E. POINTS OF ORAL AGREEMENT WERE COVERED AND OUR ACCEPTANCE INDICATED. IN DISCUSSING DRAFT LETTERS AND PROTOCOL HOLDRIDGE STRESSED THAT U.S. CHANGES DID NOT AFFECT SUBSTANCE BUT WERE DESIGNED FOR GREATER CLARITY AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER PROTECTION FOR PRC INTERESTS.

2. HSIAO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. RESPONSE AND SAID CHINESE SIDE WOULD STUDY U.S. PROPOSED DOCUMENTS AND REPLY. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO RECEIVE U.S. RESPONSE ON ORAL AGREEMENTS AND NOTED THAT AFTER LETTERS EXCHANGED AND PROTOCOL SIGNED WE WOULD AGAIN REVIEW THE ORAL AGREEMENTS. (COMMENT: HSIAO MAY HAVE IN MIND OUR COMMENTS ON PUBLICITY, SPECIFICALLY PARA (1) E, REF D.)

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3. ON PUBLICITY MATERIALS, HOLDRIDGE THANKED HSIAO FOR

MATERIALS ALREADY RECEIVED AND SAID HE THOUGHT WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT MORE, INCLUDING COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS. HSIAO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION AND SEE WHAT THEY COULD PROVIDE. HE NOTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD REQUESTED COLOR PRINTS AND HAD USUALLY PAID THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN PRODUCING THEM. HOLDRIDGE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE US WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY REQUIREMENTS AFTER IT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE MATERIAL ALREADY SENT. HSIAO INDICATED THAT COLOR PRINTS OR SLIDES WERE POSSIBLE.

4. CONCERNING U.S. PROPOSAL TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION TO PEKING TO SIGN PROTOCOL, HSIAO SAID IT WAS PASSED TO PRC SPONSORING ORGANIZATION BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED THUS FAR. IN VIEW SHORTNESS OF TIME, HE SAID, HE WOULD ASK AGAIN. HSIAO NOTED THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH HAD SENT DELEGATIONS TO PEKING TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS BUT ACTUAL SIGNATURE TOOK PLACE IN LONDON AND PARIS. IN CASE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, NO REPRESENTATIVES SENT. (COMMENT: HSIAO APPEARED TO BE HINTING HE DIDN'T THINK SENDING A DELEGATION REALLY NECESSARY.)

5. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INVITATION TO SEND A GROUP OF ARCHEOLOGISTS AND MUSEUM CURATORS TO U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXHIBITION, HSIAO SAID THIS TOO HAD BEEN PASSED TO SPONSORING ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED THAT IN A MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES THE EXHIBITION HAD VISITED PRC HAD SENT A DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPENING CEREMONIES. HE SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW WHEN HE HAD FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.
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